AUSTRALIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II; represented by Governor Gen. David HURLEY
Head of Government
Prime Minister Scott MORRISON
Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Federal Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Canberra
Legislature
bicameral Federal Parliament consists of Senate (76 seats) and House of Representatives (150 seats)
Judiciary
High Court of Australia (consists of 7 justices, including the chief justice)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Joseph Benedict HOCKEY
US Ambassador
Ambassador Arthur B. CULVAHOUSE

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.248 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$50,400 (2017 est.)
Exports
$231.6 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 33.5%, Japan 14.6%, South Korea 6.6%, India 5%, Hong Kong 4% (2017)
Imports
$221 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 22.9%, US 10.8%, Japan 7.5%, Thailand 5.1%, Germany 4.9%, South Korea 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
23.5 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
1.01% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
English 25.9%, Australian 25.4%, Irish 7.5%, Scottish 6.4%, Italian 3.3%, German 3.2%, Chinese 3.1%, Indian 1.4%, Greek 1.4%, Dutch 1.2%, other 15.8% (includes Australian aboriginal .5%), unspecified 5.4% (2011 est.)
Language
English 72.7%, Mandarin 2.5%, Arabic 1.4%, Cantonese 1.2%, Vietnamese 1.2%, Italian 1.2%, Greek 1%, other 14.8%, unspecified 6.5% (2016 est.)
Religion
Protestant 23.1%, Roman Catholic 22.6%, other Christian 4.2%, Muslim 2.6%, Buddhist 2.4%, Orthodox 2.3%, Hindu 1.9%, other 1.3%, none 30.1%, unspecified 9.6% (2016 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 86% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1.43% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 7,741,220 sq km
Land: 7,682,300 sq km
Water: 58,920 sq km
Climate
generally arid to semiarid; temperate in south and east; tropical in north
Natural Resources
alumina, coal, iron ore, copper, tin, gold, silver, uranium, nickel, tungsten, rare earth elements, mineral sands, lead, zinc, diamonds, natural gas, petroleum; note - Australia is the world's largest net exporter of coal accounting for 29% of global coal exports

as of September 2019